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## **CLARK-COLEMAN CHOSEN FOR PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

### *Detroit Lawmaker One of 40 State Leaders Selected Countrywide*

(LANSING) -- State Senator Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) has been named to participate in the esteemed Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by The Council of State Governments.

The annual week-long seminar, held June 26 – July 1, develops leaders from all three branches of state government. It is named for Henry Toll, a former Colorado senator who founded The Council in 1933.

Sen. Deb Cherry (D-Burton) nominated the Detroit Legislator who received endorsements from Democratic Leader Bob Emerson (D-Flint) and Democratic Floor Leader Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek). Sen. Clark-Coleman was selected from many outstanding applicants nationwide who have been recognized as promising leaders of state government. Past Toll Fellowship graduates include governors, U.S. Senators and member of Congress.

Born in a small town in rural Georgia, Sen. Clark-Coleman and her family moved to Detroit as part of the “Great Migration.” She was the first in her family to graduate from college; strengthening her resolve to be a life-long education advocate. While rearing her own family, she earned Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at Wayne State University in Detroit.

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In 1988, Sen. Clark-Coleman was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, District 11, and served two terms. She then won a seat in the Michigan Senate where, in her first term, she serves on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.

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*State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.*

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